

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING, DIRECTING NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND APPROVING GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION AND TABULATION OF PROTESTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED INCREASE OF:

- 1. WATER MAINTENANCE SERVICE CHARGE, AND**
- 2. SEWER MAINTENANCE SERVICE CHARGE**

FOR CASTLEWOOD COUNTY SERVICE AREA (CSA R-1967-1)

WHEREAS, the Castlewood CSA ("CSA") was established in 1967 to provide road maintenance services;

WHEREAS, in 1979, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to include water and sewer services;

WHEREAS, there are five service charges in the CSA, and the only two service charges that are proposed for increase are the Sewer Maintenance service charge, which is currently \$675 per Residential Discharge Equivalent, and the Water Maintenance service charge, which is currently \$1089 per metered connection;

WHEREAS, cost of routine water and sewer maintenance services are determined based on bid prices received from contract service providers; and

WHEREAS, in years past, the service contract expenses with previous providers had remained unchanged, allowing the CSA to operate without requiring residents to bear increased service charges; and

WHEREAS, based on the recent bids received through competitive procurement and service need estimates, the cost of services has increased well above the revenues collected under current service charges; and

WHEREAS, based on the Engineer's Report and the results of the new contract prices, the sewer and water maintenance service charges must be increased in order to more fully recover costs for future maintenance and operation services; and

WHEREAS, General Ordinance Code Section 13.20.070 and Article XIID, Section 6 of the California Constitution require the County Board of Supervisors to consider written protests to proposed increases to the CSA water and sewer maintenance service charges; and

WHEREAS, Article XIID, Section 6 of the California Constitution, subdivision (c) excepts sewer and water service charges from an additional voter approval process;

WHEREAS, the constitutional provisions do not offer specific guidance as to who may submit protests, how written protests are to be submitted, or how the County is to tabulate protests; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to set a public hearing for submission and tabulation of protests for the increase in service charges described herein and establish guidelines for the submission and tabulation of protests in connection with that hearing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 13.20.070, the Clerk of the Board shall set a hearing for the increased service charges at which protests shall be considered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the increased service charges, commencing for Fiscal Year 2024/25 for the CSA, to be heard at the public hearing are as follows:

	Road Maintenance	Sewer Maintenance (per RDE)	Sewer Capital	Water Capital	Water Maintenance (per Metered Connection)	Overall
Current Rates per	\$224.00	\$675.00	\$416.00	\$1,099.00	\$1,089.00	\$3,503.00
New Rates	\$224.00 No increase	\$785 (16% increase)	\$416.00 No increase	\$1,099.00 No increase	\$2,958.00 (172% increase)	\$5,482.00 (57% increase)

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the increased service charges include a proposal for increase by 3% per year commencing Fiscal Year 2025/26 and through Fiscal Year 2028/29 consistent with the latest bids received for water and sewer maintenance services for the CSA, and the schedule of service charge increases that will be heard at the public hearing is as follows:

Fiscal Year	Road Services	Sewer Maintenance	Sewer Capital	Water Capital	Water Maintenance	Total
FY'25/26	\$ 224	\$ 809	\$ 416	\$ 1,099	\$ 3,047	\$ 5,595
FY'26/27	\$ 224	\$ 833	\$ 416	\$ 1,099	\$ 3,138	\$ 5,710
FY'27/28	\$ 224	\$ 858	\$ 416	\$ 1,099	\$ 3,232	\$ 5,829
FY'28/29	\$ 224	\$ 884	\$ 416	\$ 1,099	\$ 3,329	\$ 5,952

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed increased service charges will allow the property owners to have adequate funding to maintain water and sewer maintenance services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, not less than forty-five (45) days before the date of the public hearing, the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to cause notice of the hearing ordered hereby (“Notice”) to be given in accordance with Section 13.20.070 of the General Ordinance Code, substantially in the form as attached hereto. The Notice shall be mailed to all

record owners, according to the last equalized assessment roll if that address is different than the billing address; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if written protests against either of the two proposed increased service charges are presented to the Board by a majority of the identified parcels before the end of the public hearing, then that increased service charge will not be imposed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all revenues received from the proposed Service Charges shall be spent only to fund the services for which the service charge is imposed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when notice of a public hearing with respect to the adoption of the increase of the CSA service charges has been given by the County, the attached guidelines for protest tabulation shall apply.

The foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda on _____ 2024 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Excused:

NATE MILEY
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
ANIKA CAMPBELL-BELTON
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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